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THE LUTHERVILLE TRAGEDY.

Lutherville was the scene on last Saturday night of a terrible tragedy in which the lives of three young men were snuffed out in a single moment. They had attended a dance at the Maryland College for Women and had enjoyed a most delightful evening. At 12 o'clock, just before the Sabbath began, all festivities ceased, good-byes were said, and these three young men in an automoobile started homeward. As they approached the tracks of the Railroad Company the wig-wag signals were clear, and there was no sound of warning—it was an invitation for them to cross over the tracks. They attempted to do so and met instant death.

It was a shock to the villagers naturally; authough they might be expected to take it as a matter of course since this is only a repitition of many other such accidents that have occurred there before. It was a shock to the people of the entire State except perhaps to the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who no doubt expect apologies from some source for the interference with the orderly running of their trains and for the debris thrown upon their tracks.

The Seminary avenue grade crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks is one of the most dangerous in the county—and it is known to be so by the railway officials. They have had notice of it time and time again and have completely ignored it.

In September, 1915, sixty citizens of Lutherville petitioned the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Lutherville Improvement Association and residents of Lutherville, do petition your honorable body to compel the Northern Central Railroad Company to maintain safety gates at the railroad crossing on Seminary avenue at Franke Avenue, in Lutherville, Baltimore county.

Signed,
WM. F. COGHLAN,
JAMES RITTENHOUSE.

County Commissioners of Baltimore county.

The Commissioners in a letter dated October 7, 1915, notified the Railroad Company of their order and in it told them they had made a personal inspection of the crossing, and on the 26th day of October, 1915, Messrs. Bernard Carter & Sons, attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, took an appeal from the decision of the Commissioners to the Circuit Court and in doing so Mr. Gamble Latrobe, general passenger agent, made oath in due form of law that the appeal was not taken for delay. The Railway Company paid the costs of the transcript of record and it was filed in the Circuit Court on Dec. 20th, 1915. That was just nine years ago, and not the slightest thing has been done by the Company to have the appeal heard by the Court.

Instead of presenting the appeal the Company paid no attention to it, but put up at the crossing what they call wig-wag signals. They are operated by approaching trains and are supposed to cause a large red light to appear and a gong to sound several hundred yards before the trains reach the crossing. These signals are all right when they are right, but all wrong when they are wrong. On the night of this accident the officials of this company did an unpardonable thing, which was no doubt responsible for the accident. They sent a westbound train from Baltimore on the eastbound track, knowing when they did it that the train would not put the signals at the crossing in operation and without giving any notice whatever to travelers on the road who had a right to assume that no trains were near when the signals showed a clear right of way, and that the bells did not sound an alarm. If the State has any power left over these powerful public service coorporations, if the Public Service Commission is of any value to the State, if the County Commissioners orders mean anything, if the grand jury still functions—there should be some security and safety for the thousands who travel our highways from the scores of trains that pass this highly dangerous crossing daily. There is only one safe plan left—a watchman and gates stop the traffic, and that must come whether the Railroad wants it or not.

DID SENATOR WELLER GUESS—OR DID HE KNOW?

A few days before the election there was quite a prominent display card on the front page of the Baltimore papers signed by Senator Weller, announcing to the world that Maryland was safely Republican and would give a safe majority for Coolidge and Dawes.

This was the first word spoken by the Senator in the entire campaign, but in the slang of the day, it turned out to be a mouthful Democrats laughed over it and called it a joke, for it was the first time that anyone had the temerity to suggest that Maryland was even doubtful. In all Republican estimates before that Maryland was conceded with the Southern States. Organization Democrats professed to have full confidence and prophesied the usual Democratic majority. They felt so secure that the Governor did the most of his campaigning out of the State, showing that the Democratic leaders felt very secure or they would have insisted that he confine his efforts to his own State.

But the election over, we find that Senator Weller's prophesy was true, and the question in the minds of many Democrats is: Did Weller guess—or did Weller know? Did he see any one in the Democratic organization who could give him information that made his prophesy more than a guess? The Baltimore papers say that 70 per cent. of the Republican vote in the city came to the polls and that less than 50 per cent. of the Democratic vote turned out. If this is true, why was it? Is it possible that Maryland's share oof the $4,000,000 slush fund raised by the Republican Party could in any way account for this great difference in getting out the Democratic vote? It is really a question we would like to have solved—Did Weller guess, or did Weller know?

A MARRIAGE CEREMONY NO JOKE.

There is nothing more serious in the lives of mortals than marriage except death. In this State we regard it so seriously that a marriage is not legal without a religious ceremony.

There was a phase of the Bonsal case, recently tried in this court to annull a marriage that we can not let pass without notice.

The ground for the annullment was based on the fact that the groom was drunk and had been on a debauch for some days and further that the attendants of the contracting parties had been drinking also.

This rather boisterous quartette came to the court house after closing hours. The groom and his best man saw one of the deputy clerks and asked for a marriage license. During the talk the groom said he didn't believe he would get married after all; the Clerk noticed that both had been drinking, and he told them he would not issue a license. Afterwards they found another clerk and this time the groom did not show up, but the bride and best man made the application and secured the license. They then went to a clergyman and asked him to marry them. He refused because she was a divorcee and that they had been drinking. The groom insisted that the clergyman go to the machine and meet the lady. He did so, and the party, presenting a bottle, invited him to drink, which of course he refused. They next visited another clergyman and this time had no difficulty whatever.

It appears from the evidence in court that the clergyman asked the groom to repeat after him the marriage service of his church; he did so up to a certain point, when he balked and said he didn't think he could go that far. The minister told him that unless he did he could not marry them. He then decided to repeat it all. The bride wept rather copiously and the best man got down on his knees and had, as he expressed it, a word of prayer. In other words, the booze made the groom obstinate, the bride hysterical and the best man prayerful, and the strangest part of it is that the officiating clergyman never suspected that any of them were under the influence of liquor or had been drinking.

As we said in the beginning, marriage is too serious a matter to be entered into legally, and a minister of the gospel who has the last word in ratifying the marriage contract and who has the parties to the contract before him for close observation should use his very best judgment and discrimination in determining whether they are each in a state of mind to engage in so solemn and important an undertaking.

FOSTER WILL FILED IN ORPHANS' COURT.

By the will of Wm. N. Foster, filed for probate in the Orphans' Court at Towson, he bequeaths $200 to Mt. Carmel M. E. Church, and the residue of the estate is divided between children, grandchildren and Mrs. Mary Foster, the sister-in-law of the testator.

NELSON GILBERT LAID AT REST.

The funeral of Nelson Gilbert, a prosperious farmer and dairyman of Shawsville, who died after an illness of several months took place from his late home last Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were held in Bethel Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member and official for many years, by Revs. W. Alban Price, a former pastor, and Fred A. Kullmar, the present pastor.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Gilbert was one of the most successful farmers of his community and had accumulated a very comfortable estate.

He was a member of Home Secret Lodge No. 92, Knights of Pythias, of Shawsville, and after a service of fifty years in official positions recently retired as an officer.

The lodge attended the funeral in a body and held the usual ceremonies at the grave. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bertrom Wright and Mrs. Wilton Richardson, and one son, William Gilbert, of the Northwest.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guildener, Melvon avenue, Catonsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ann Guildener, to William Thomas Larkin, of Baltimore city. The marriage will take place this fall.

BILL FILED IN COURT AGAINST WARREN S. SEIPP AND OTHERS.

A bill was filed in the Circuit Court at Towson by Mrs. Perla McMaster against Warren S. Seipp and others to secure an order for the sale of real estate here which was bequeathed to the plaintiff by her husband, the late Clarence W. McMaster, for life, with power of disposition by will should she remain unmarried, or in the event of her remarriage, upon her death the property to go to Warren S. Seipp. It is stated that J. Howard Murray has agreed to purchase the property for $6,000, and the Court is asked to ratify said sale and direct that the proceeds be invested and disposed of as directed by the will of Mr. McMaster. Attorney Elmer R. Haile appears for Mrs. McMaster.

FATHER AND SONS BANQUET TO BE HELD AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT.

Under the auspices of the Calvary Brotherhood of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, the annual Father and Son banquet will be held this evening (Saturday) at 6.30 o'clock.

B. M. Thomas will be toastmaster, Wm. H. Volandt will lead singing, Rev. Richard W. Wickes will give toasts to sons while Leslie Gould will give toasts to dads.

H. E. Donnell, superintendent of the Maryland Training School for Boys at Loch Raven will deliver an address, as will also Dr. William Burdick, State Director of Physical and Health Education.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Edw. Thomas and J. D. Blackwell.

WAYSIDE CROSS DECORATED.

As has been the custom on Armistice Day, since its erection the Wayside Cross was decorated on Tuesday last by floral contributions from all Towson fraternal organizations.

FINED ON DISORDERLY CHARGE.

Appearing as complainant against two women he alleged struck him near his home, Jacob Till, of English Consul, was fined $10 and costs by Magistrate Richard E. Stapleton, in the Halethorpe Police Station, on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. The women were dismissed.

According to the testimony, some one is said to have reported Till to prohibition authorities as operating a still. Till blamed his neighbors and last Sunday, it is alleged, he attempted to beat up Mrs. Helen Winer and Mrs. Amelia Neidemosky, who live nearby.

THIRD FIRE IN FEW MONTHS DAMAGES SHEPPARD-PRATT HOSPITAL PROPERTY

Live-Stock Perishes In $75,000 Blaze—Ninety Nurses At Institution Called To Duty, Calming Patients As Firemen Labored.

The third fire at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, near Towson, within a few months burned the big barn to the ground with a loss of $75,000. Twelve cows, three calves and four horses were burned to death.

Dr. R. M. Chapman, superintendent of the hospital, said the blaze was caused by spontaneous combustion.

The flames originated in a pit and were discovered about 4 A. M. by Mrs. Price, wife of Morris L. Price, fireman of the hospital. She awakened her husband, and he and Frank L. Shipley, head farmer, quickly mustered the hospital employes.

Lines of hose were run from the three big water tanks, while other employes tried to save the live stock. They got out safely 10 horses and mules, 18 cows, a bull and some of the farming implements.

A call was sent for the Towson Fire Company, which responded, as did also the companies from Pikesville, Fullerton and Catonsville. A dense fog hampered the work of the firemen.

It also blanketed the glare of the flames so effectually that few of the 120 patients in the hospital, 600 yards away, were awakened.

All the 90 nurses were called to duty and reassured those patients who were awakened.

Several times the dry grass of the hospital lawn ignited, but the fire was extinguished. The dairy, directly across the road from the burning barn, also caught fire, but was saved. Other frame buildings near the barn were kept soaked with water.

About 8 A. M., when the work of the firemen was over, a small black cat crawled out from the ruins, blinked at the crowd, arched its back and finally made friends with a woman onlooker. It was unharmed.

The burned building was a huge two-story structure of frame.

Stored in it were 800 bushels of potatoes, 130 tons of hay and 25 tons of straw. The loss of $75,000 was about three-fourths covered by insurance.

Last summer the pump house of the institution was burned, and two weeks ago fire broke out in the laundry.

"THE OTHER FELLOW'S JOB"

Oh, how often we grow weary of
The daily drudge and grind!
How we wish that we could shake
It, or could something easy find!
And we often contemplate it with
A groan, or with a sob,
Wishing we coulld swap it for
"The other feellow's job."

So we brood about the matter—
Feel we've never had a show—
Think the fates are agains tus
And our row is hard to hoe;
Then we grow so peessimistic that
Our life of joy we rob—
But we're sure we could be happy
With "the other fellow's job."

Yet if this fond wish were granted
We would find it just the same,
For the trouble lies within us and
The job is not to blame;
Till we get a new perspective—
Dust the cobwebs from our knob,
We'd be just as discontented with
"The other fellow's job."

THE RUSH SEASON.

John— Just imagine how the women would look on Broadway in Garden of Eden costume.

Henry—Not so bad in summer, but how about autumn when the leaves begin to fall?

DEFINITION.

A flapper is a girl who powders her nose, bobs her hair, and says: "Clothes, I am going down town. If you want to come along, hang on."

HE KNEW WHAT.

On a warm summer's afternoon a resident was talking to a traveling ventriloquist who was going to put on a show that night in a little Southern town. An old darkey approached. He was balancing a clothes basket on his head from which protruded the front paws and head of a large turtle he had just canght in the river.

"Let's have some fun with the old darky," said the ventriloquist. So he threw his voice into the basket: "What are you going to do with me?"

The old darkey stopped and rolled his eyes toward the basket and then moved on.

Again the question was asked supposedly by the turtle: "What are you going to do with me?"

The old man stopped and asked: "Did you speak to me?"

The voice replied: "Yes. I said, what are you going to do with me?"

The negro, a picture of fright, replied: "I'se gwine ter drap you right heah!" And he dropped the basket and turtle and fled.

IT ALL DEPENDS.

"Papa, what do you call a man who runs an auto?"

"It depends on how near he comes to hitting me."

MEETING MISFORTUNE.

"Mayn't I be a preacher when I grow up?" asked the small boy.

"Of course you may, my pet, if you want to," his mother replied.

"Yes, I do. I s'pose I've got to go to church all my life, anyway, and it's a good deal harder to sit still than to stand up and holler."

TRY ANYTHING ONCE.

A marriede couple had engaged a cook. She was pretty as a picture, but her cooking was terrible, and one morning the bacon was burned to such a crisp as to be wholly inedible.

"Dear," said the wife to her husband, "I'm afraid the cook has burned the bacon. You'll have to be satisfied with a kiss for breakfast this moraing."

"All right," responded the husband, griffly. "Call her in."

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

"Good mornin', Mrs. McCann."

"An' the top of the mornin' to you, Mister Mullin," she replied.

"Oi t'ought," said he, "Oi'd shtep in t' say 'ure husban' has shtopped shmokin', Mrs. McCann."

"Saints be praised! It's seventy-five cints a mon' he'll be savin'."

"Oi'm layin' bets he won't," said Mr. Mullin. "He wor lightin' his pipe in the powder factory an' he dropped the match."

HANDICAPPED.

Minister—Why do you not get a wife, Donald

Donald—I might get a bad one.

Minister—Trust to Providence, an' you'll be all right.

Donald—I'm no' so sure, minister, for ye ken Providence has to dispose of the bad as well as the guid.

ON HER WAY.

They were on their honeymoon trip in the mountains, and the bride's mother had insisted on accompanying the otherwise happy couple. Suddenly the groom let out a yell.

"Phyllis! Phyllis!" he shouted, "your mother has fallen over a cliff."

"Heavens!" screamed the young woman. "Is she badly hurt?"

"Not yet! She hasn't stopped!"

WISE JAJANESE.

Mrs. Peppercorn (reading)—One of the idols most revered by the Japanese is that represented by the figure of a woman, seated resting her chin in her hand.

Mr. Peppercorn—Very interesting, my dear. Proves that the Japanese are among the wisest people of the eearth.

Mrs. P.—How so?

Mr. P. (impressively)—Because they deify woman who gives her chin a rest.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Charles Green, of Kingsville, was stricken with paralysis recently.

Mr. Richard Vincent, of Cowenton, is sojourning in Florida.

Mr. Raymond Burton, who is now a resident of Towson, has sold his Glen Arm property to Mr. Earl Burton.

Little George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burton, of Glen Arm, has been quite ill.

Mr. Robert Brady, who for some time has conducted a store at Kingsville, has moved to Baltimore city.

Mr. J. H. Miller, Jr., of Sweet air, who has been indisposed, is in a much improved condition.

Mr. R. E. Young and family, who resides on the road west of Eklo, have moved into Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoshall, of Sparks, will spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. G. Kolk entertained members of the Long Green Valley Farmers' Club one evening this week.

Mrs. J. J. Smith was recently elected chairman of the 11th District Children's Aid Society Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rye, of Loch Raven, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wise entertained the White Hall Aid Society on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morris, of White Hall, entertained at a dinner on Sunday last.

Mrs. Charles H. Wise, of White Hall, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hunter, of Baltimore city.

John Daughton, aged 80 years of Madona, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. C. Whiteford, of Whiteford, who is 105 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. William Storer, of Phoenix, entertained members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Frazier Memorial Chapel.

Miss Mary Cathell has been spending some time at the home of Mrs. William Conkling, at Baldwin, and is now visiting relatives in Chicago.

Oscar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frances, of Long Green, was called to "the great beyond" recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan and Mr. and Mrs. Tlfred Lee, of Towson, motored to the Shenandoah Caves, Va., on Sunday last.

Mrs. Frank T. Cooper, of Walkers, who has been a patient at the Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore city, is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker, of Walkers, had as their recent guest their daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Baker, of Baltimore city.

Mr. Stephen Vincent, of Cowenton, with Mr. George Naylor, of Towson, were recent visitors at Hyattsville, Md.

Mr. Wesley H. Alban, of near Middletown, has purchased the property owned by Mrs. Grace R. Brown, of Washington.

Rev. Fred A. Kullmar, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, returned recently from an extended tour of Europe.

Rev. Arthur Owens, of Gaithersburg, has been assisting Rev. D. T. Ringer with services at Fair View M. E. Church.

Mr. J. P. Carr, who has been operating the mill at Ruxton for some time, has sold the property to Mr. Walter M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of Rutledge, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurline, of Sunnybrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Quinlin, of Towson, were recent guests of Kingsville relatives.

Mrs. William Crossmore, of Kingsville, who has been a patient at a city hospital, where she underwent an operation, is in a much improved condition.

Mrs. W. Evans Anderson and son, J. Meredith Anderson, and Miss Elesta Slade, of White Hall, are spending several days with the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dorsey Gray, of Prince Frederick, Calvert county.

TEXAS COMMUNITY HALL OPENED.

The fine new community hall erected by the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Texas, was opened on last Monday night. An address was delivered by Archbishop Michael J. Curley, who said that the hall would be a bleessing to the community, as it would bring members of different creed's together in friendly social intercourse.

Addresses were also delivered by Judge Frank I. Duncan, Carville D. Benson and State Senator David G. McIntosh.

The hall is a fine two-story structure. There is an auditorium, billiard and pool rooms, and provision for other amusements. The hall cost $41,000.

MANY ATTEND EXHIBIT AT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

There were a large number of visitors at the exhibit of books of children's literature at the State Normal School at Towson. Miss Lizette Woodworth Reese, the poetess, delivered an address and read some of her poems.

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